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Re: US EPA Letter Dtd 27 Jul 87 (copy attached)

Dear Mr. DeLoi:

As instructed in the attached letter, I am writing to you regarding my FOIA request.

I would like to know if the K. J. Quinn Company on Folly Mill Rd., Seabrook, NH, is listed with the EPA as a contaminated site. I would also like to know if there are any other sites in Seabrook, NH, that have been identified as being contaminated.

I would appreciate a timely reply as I must respond to the US EPA prior to 27 Aug 87. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

*Priscilla L. Johnston*  
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF  
EXECUTIVE SUPPORT

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request # HQ-RIN-

2891-87

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your request for information about a possible hazardous waste site in your area. We understand that your request was based on a letter and solicitation sent to you by the Citizens Against Toxic Waste Foundation.

Ordinarily, EPA responds to requests filed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) within ten working days. However, due to the large number of requests we are receiving as a result of the solicitation from the Citizens Against Toxic Waste Foundation, we are unable to process and research those requests within our normal timeframe.

Unfortunately, there were significant factual errors in the Foundation's solicitation which could affect your understanding of and concern about the nation's hazardous waste cleanup program. We have discussed these inaccuracies with representatives of the Foundation, who have acknowledged the errors.

For instance, it's important for you to know that the sites in the inventory used by the Citizens Against Toxic Waste Foundation in their direct mail effort represent sites where there could be contamination. Federal and state officials have conducted preliminary assessments at most of these sites and many are not hazardous waste sites at all. Fortunately, most of the sites on the inventory are found to pose no threat to public health or the environment.

The Foundation also neglected to inform you that, depending on search time required to fulfill a request and volume of information identified, there are often charges to the public in responding to requests filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

Before proceeding with your request, the Agency wants to advise you of the information we will need from you, as well as the potential costs to you. First, in order for us to process your request, we need to ask you to clarify the information you are seeking. For example, the request on file under your name seeks all information relating to a site. Responding to that request could involve extensive searches at EPA's Headquarters and regional offices. In some cases, the result could be large volumes of technical records. In other cases, when a preliminary assessment of the site has not begun, or if the assessment has been completed and indicates that the site poses no problem and needs no further action, a search may not provide the information you are seeking. If you choose to pursue this request, without further information from you, the search could result in significant search and/or copying costs, which, under the law, would be billable directly to you.

The request on file also asks for information on "all other" sites located "near" your home. You will need to identify which sites are of interest to you and clarify the information you are seeking on each site or we will be unable to respond to this portion of your request.

Under our FOIA procedures, fees may be charged for certain search and duplication costs associated with a request. We are not certain that each FOIA request forwarded by the Foundation will result in billable charges. However, if you choose to pursue your request, we need to ask for your assurance that you will pay any billable charges up to \$50 - even if our search results in no information being found. A written statement to that effect is sufficient. We cannot guarantee that total charges would not be greater than \$50.00; in that case, we would contact you for additional assurance to pay.

We're providing the enclosed information to help you better understand the process and objectives of the Superfund program. If you would like to discuss your concerns about a particular site, which might help you determine whether you wish to pursue your FOIA request, please contact the EPA Regional Office for the state in which you are located (list attached).

If we haven't received your written clarification and assurance to pay in 30 days, we will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing your original request through FOIA and your file will be closed. Please send any correspondence (with RIN # ) to me:

Jeralene B. Green, FOI Officer  
US EPA  
401 M Street, S.W. (A-101)  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeralene B. Green". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jeralene B. Green  
EPA Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosures